THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government has announced the Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy in 2004 and also constituted an Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries to consider all matters concerning development of deep sea fishing sector. The type and number of fishing vessels that would be permitted in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) during the next five years have been worked out. The procedure for applying for Letter of Permission (LOP) and the guidelines for fishing in the EEZ has been drawn up in consultation with the Empowered Committee and made known to the public through a Public Notice and also through the website of the Department.

(c) The Government is not aware of the fact.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Development of fisheries in EEZ is curently being addressed in compliance with national and international regulations and keeping in view of the need for conserving marine fishery resources and to cause least chances for inter-sectoral clashes.

Devastation of crops due to sub-standard seeds and pesticides

†1282. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are suffering heavy losses due to devastation of their crops because of substandard seeds and pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) There have been some cases where farmers have suffered because of substandard seeds and pesticides. However, to regulate the quality of seeds and pesticides, the Government is enforcing the Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds Rules, 1968, Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and Insecticides Act, 1968 and amendments made thereunder. Implementation of these legal instruments is vested with the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State Governments/Union Territories. Inspectors notified under these legal instruments are empowered to draw the samples, seize the stock, issue stop sale order in case the commodities under reference contravene these Act, Rules and Orders.

The details of action taken by the State Governments in this regard is given in the Annexure. [*See appendix* 205, *Annexure* no. 4]

Agricultural production in Nagaland

1283. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for Nagaland to increase agricultural production during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target for increasing the agricultural production;

(c) if so, the details of achievements made in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) During the last three years, two centrally sponsored schemes (i) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttranchal and (ii) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme were implemented in Nagaland to increase agricultural production in the State. During 2002-03 & 2003-04, the three sub schemes, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP), National Pulses Development Project (NPDP), and Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP) subsumed under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) were also implemented in Nagaland.

(b) and (c) The targets and achievements under aforesaid schemes during the last three years in Nagaland are given in the Statement.